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IT WOULD seem that the nineteenth century had been frozen to death and then snored under.

QUAY will probably be elected to the senate from Pennsylvania. Wainmaker's fight against him is that of an amateur against a professional heavy weight.

THE opposition will in reality give old man Corbett a run for his money down at Salem this winter. They are apparently organizing to relieve him of as big a piece as possible.

THE most trying, irritating feature connected with the advent of the twentieth century is found in the great mass of idiotic stuff which newspapers are publishing on the subject.

IT NOW seems possible that T. M. Patterson, the brilliant Denver lawyer and journalist, will realize his long cherished ambition to become a United States senator. A majority of the fusion forces in the Colorado legislature favor him as Wolcott's successor.

A THREE line telegram announced the death yesterday of Ignatious Donnelly, who was possessed of a brilliant, if somewhat erratic, mind. He was a profoundly learned student. Twenty-five or so years ago he represented Minnesota in congress, but while there refused to do the bidding of the pine land ring that was then robbing the government, and through its influence was defeated for reelection. This embittered him and since he has been an extreme, impractical reformer.

THE American Mining News says: "If a review of the world's mining success could be made, it would prove that the small investors draw the largest amount of dividends from successful mines." To this the San Francisco Mining and Engineering Review adds: "It is a remarkable fact that with few exceptions, the big mines of the country have been opened and are operated by money supplied by small stockholders. It is the grand aggregate of the small amounts that makes vast mining equipments possible." There is no doubt but what both observations are true, from which fact local operators should draw the obvious conclusion, and act thereon, that it is a worse than useless waste of time to spend months, and sometimes years, in an effort to "float a proposition," which means to secure a big piece of money all at once, so that extensive, expensive work can be started at once. The surest and, perhaps, the best method, is to start out in a small way, prove the worth of the property and then stand pat for reasonably advantageous terms in dealing with the capitalist.

THIS is the impudent attitude assumed by the Baker City Republican on a subject of local interest: "This week twelve letters have been received at this office from men who own stock in as many mines in this district. These men have subscribed for the paper and state that they desire to know what work, if any, is being done on these properties. But when we go to the superintendent and ask that which the stockholders in the

east want to know, the invariable answer comes, 'we do not want our mine to get into the papers.' There can be nothing amiss about stating facts about mining properties—that is, about the workings of the mine, and for the benefit of those who have a right to know, we shall make the inquiries, and any manager of such properties who refuses to give the information his eastern stockholders shall know that fact."

In the first place, the Republican didn't receive twelve letters in one week from eastern stockholders in Oregon mines, asking for information. That is merely an introductory bluff to attract the attention of mine managers. No wonder a representative of such a paper can get no information from mining men, as its columns day after day proclaim.

For the benefit of the craft, THE MINER will here state that it pursues a diametrically opposite course, which is proving to be a successful system—as its columns demonstrate. Occasionally a letter is received from some eastern jay wanting information regarding some mine. The invariable reply is to the effect that this is a newspaper merely; if a report on the property is wanted, he can secure it by paying a mining engineer for his services. Furthermore, in looking for mining news representatives of this paper do not go around trying to pry into private business affairs. Mining men hereabouts recognize this to be a fact, and as a result they are ever courteous and in nine cases out of ten willingly give any information of public interest asked for. Newspaper men should display a trace of common sense and tact, as well as other people.

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3:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Austin	7:30 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	Ar. Austin	Lv. Clifford	5:00 a. m.

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1:40 p. m.	Lv. Clifford	Ar. Bonanza	7:30 a. m.
5:00 p. m.	Ar. Bonanza	Lv. Clifford	6:30 a. m.

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